

**ANNUAL OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS  
KOOSHAREM CATTLE ALLOTMENT  
2009**

**RICHFIELD RANGER DISTRICT  
FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST**

The following document constitutes the annual operating instructions for the Koosharem Cattle Allotment, Richfield Ranger District, Fishlake National Forest. These instructions direct the management and movement of cattle for the 2009 grazing season and become part of your permit.

**On-Date**

Livestock will enter the allotment on or near June 1, 2009. The exact date will be determined by the District Ranger and will be based on vegetation conditions and general range readiness. The sequence of use will be as follows.

**Grazing Sequence and Utilization Levels**

Box Creek Unit	45% total forage
Burnt Flat Unit	27% total forage
Daries Unit	27% total forage
Greenwich-Squaw Springs Unit	37% total forage
Indian Ranch-Rim Seep-Little Monroe	37% total forage
Koosharem Canyon Unit	<b>Rest</b>

When utilization levels are met cattle will be moved to the next unit. If utilization levels are met in each unit prior to the end of the grazing season, the cattle will be removed from the allotment in a timely manner. A timely manner will be between 5 days to 2 weeks from the time of notice from this office.

The Fishlake National Forest Land Management Plan directs utilization on your Rest Rotation grazing units (your spring range) as 45% total forage or 60% of key species. It also directs utilization on Deferred Rotation units (your summer range) as 27% on units before seed ripe conditions and 37% on units after seed ripe conditions.

Utilization on riparian hydric species will not exceed 4" stubble height.

Utilization of Kentucky Blue grass will not exceed 1 ½" stubble height.

Utilization of current year's available twigs on sprouts and young aged plants will not exceed 40%.

Utilization on Riparian/Upland Mature Browse will not exceed 50%

Riparian areas will receive considerable attention over the next few years. We need to work together to ensure these areas are not over utilized.

When proper use of the vegetation, listed above, occurs the cattle will be moved into the next unit. Recognize it is your responsibility to move your cattle to the next unit before use exceeds the utilization standards as shown above. Do not rely on Forest personnel to tell you when to move.

### **Grazing Permit Part 3 Requirements**

The permittee is responsible for maintenance of all improvements on the allotment. Before allowing livestock to enter a unit of the allotment, the permittee shall ensure that all structural improvements of that unit are in an operative condition. The permittee shall maintain the operative condition of the improvements while livestock are present. The following specifications are part of these maintenance responsibilities:

All water troughs or open water tanks must be modified to allow safe access to and from the water by mammals and birds with an escape log or ladder.

All wire fences shall be maintained at a height not to exceed 42 inches at the top wire where attached to each post. Log fences shall be continuous except at gates or cattle guards and in good functional condition.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement will be reported to the District Ranger annually.

Salt and other dietary supplements shall not be placed within one-half mile of riparian areas, water troughs, ponds, or tanks; within one-fourth mile of roads or camping spots, which have frequent use; or within tree plantations.

Dead livestock shall be moved at least one-fourth mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots, which have evidence of frequent use.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit should be deposited into receptacles or at locations identified by Forest officials.

### **General Information**

The number of days use, depends on forage production and utilization levels reached in each unit. The following system will be used for the movement of cattle from one unit to the next. Three days prior to leaving a unit, cattle will be started into the new unit by opening the gates and allowing them to drift into the new, un-grazed unit. On the fourth, fifth, and sixth days cattle will be gathered and herded into the new unit. Then the gates

will be closed. At the end of this six day period all cattle will be moved from the used unit. No animals will be permitted to remain in grazed units after this herding period. Any cattle found there, will be treated as unauthorized livestock under the terms and conditions of your grazing permit.

### **Off-Date**

All cattle must be removed from the Forest by the “off date” of October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tagging**

All cattle must be tagged before they enter the allotment. If you need replacement tags please call and we can have the tags ready for you to pick up at your convenience.

### **Grazing Fees**

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly. Once we have received notification of your payment clearing the lock box, we will issue you a letter authorizing you to turn your livestock onto the allotment. Do not place your cattle on the allotment without this letter.

### **Cooperation**

If you have any questions contact District Ranger Fred Houston, Vince Pace, or Bob Tuttle at the District Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, telephone 896-9233.

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